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Ronald Alan Lebowitz, Attorney, date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Drive, Phoenix, Arizona, 85021-5542, home  
telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ email address rlebowitz@cox.net,  
cellular telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ was interviewed at his  
residence. After being advised of the nature of the interview and  
the identities of the interviewing agents, Lebowitz provided the  
following information:

The interview was recorded on a Sony digital audio  
recorder, model number ICD-SX57. The audio file was downloaded and  
entered into the Phoenix Division's Electronic Surveillance  
(ELSUR) room for storage.

In summary of the interview:

- Lebowitz got involved with Tom Horne's campaign at the request of Chuck Johnson. Lebowitz volunteered with Horne's campaign from 2009 through the election and attended meetings at Horne's campaign headquarters at 7th Avenue and McDowell. Lebowitz performed such activities as working on the phone banks.
- Lebowitz saw Kathleen Winn at a few campaign meetings. Lebowitz first spoke to Winn personally when Winn came to his house to pick up a check. Winn instructed Lebowitz to make the check payable to Business Leaders of Arizona and told him he could contribute a maximum of \$840. Lebowitz was shown a photocopy of check number 14294 dated 10/26/2010 which he advised was his. Lebowitz advised that his understanding was that Winn worked on Horne's campaign when she received the check.
- Carmen Chenal solicited Lebowitz to hold a fund raiser for Horne at Lebowitz's house sometime in 2011. Lebowitz agreed and prepared his house for the event where guest speaker Robert Bennett spoke.
- Lebowitz provided the interviewing agents with copies of his Quicken check book records for the following checks:

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by SA Brian Grehoski:bg  
SA Mervil C. Mason

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
12/23/2009	14007	\$250	Tom Horne Exploratory Committee
02/19/2010	14064	500	Tom Horne for Attorney General
10/22/2010	14294	840	Business Leaders of Arizona
03/14/2011	14439	840	Tom Horne 2014

- Subsequent to the interview, SA Grehoski received a phone call and an email from Lebowitz clarifying the events surrounding the \$840 03/14/2011 check. The email contained his email message dated 03/19/2011 to Chenal relating to his donation.
- A printed copy of Lebowitz' email and other materials he provided are attached to this FD-302 to be included in the case file.

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Transcription  
Ron Lebowitz Interview

Participants:

BG SA Brian Grehoski, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MM SA Merv Mason, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RL Ron Lebowitz

Reviewed by Mark Stribling *MS*

BG: This is Special Agent Brian Grehoski with the FBI. It is March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012; with me is Special Agent Merv Mason and we are speaking with Ron Lebowitz, did I say that correctly?

RL: Correct

BG: Ok, um—and we're, we're on tape that's ok with you for the...

RL: Yes it is.

BG: Purpose of this interview. Ok, um—wh, we'd like to speak with you about—uh your involvement the Tom Horne for attorney general campaign. Can you tell us uh, the history how you got involved with that campaign?

RL: I first became involved in the fall of two thousand nine. I can't remember the exact date but I received a telephone call from Chuck Johnson, who wanted to meet me on this subject and we met by agreement at the Cheesecake Factory at Biltmore Fashion Park for lunch. And it was that time he'd talked to me about the campaign and wanted to persuade me to participate and thought it would be good because he felt that by working on it eventually I would get a job working for the attorney general. And at the time I was not employed, so that sounded fine.

BG: Ok, and was... was that his goal as well to get a job with the AG?

RL: I think he had been working for the Attorney General's office and he, for a long time uh—was experienced...

BG: Ok

RL: In that, in the section in which he worked.

BG: Ok

RL: Which was I think um... it was sort of financial crimes where there would be uh... confiscation of property and things like that.

BG: Asset Forfeiture?

RL: As—yes

BG: And uh... and how frequently did you would go to uh, assist with the campaign?

RL: Well, when it... eh, when it actually began from I... in terms of participation there was an office that was located on McDowell, a few doors east of 7<sup>th</sup> avenue and that was the Tom Horne campaign office and once it was established and I started going there I went fairly frequently in, in the afternoons when the door was opened but I was usually in evenings because a lot of people went to work there, after they had finished work for the day.

BG: Ok, um and, and about how much time would you spend on eh, is that you know an hour, couple hours, few hours?

RL: Oh yeah, at least a few hours.

BG: Ok

RL: Every time I was there.

MM: And this was during the primary election?

RL: It's was, what at the beginning wh... it was before the primary and then went through the primary and into the general.

MM: Ok.

BG: Ok, and what types of activities did you, yourself participate in?

RL: Primarily, it was uh telephone contacts with potential voters. I was given lists and numbers to call and then I would and next to it would be a ah... ah memorandum section where you would check to see if they'd answered, if they did whether they were willing or not willing to vote for Tom.

BG: Ok and when did you first meet Kathleen Winn?

RL: Well, I first saw her, although I wouldn't say I actually met her; periodically there would be staff meetings at the campaign headquarters. I think that happen more often than not in mornings and I was present at one of those. Lot of people were there and I, I saw her attending as well but I wasn't introduced to her. But I just knew who it... I didn't even know her name at that time.

BG: Ok, uh, and what types of activities did you observe her do? I mean, she would show up would, would she participate in the campaign, if so what types of things...

RL: I think there, she may have taken notes or things but there were discussions about the fact there would be various events, where people would turn out. And who wanted to go there and who would be present for this or that. But that was about the extent of it.

BG: Ok and getting into contributions you, yourself contributed um...

MM: Back up real quick

BG: Oh sure

MM: What was the first... do you want to talk about it within the checks. When the first time and that...

BG: Yeah

MM: Ok

BG: Let's do, let's do it that way. You... yourself contributed, it looks like from the campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State's website um, I found three contributions and you made me recently aware or if we come up with a fourth one um, on December 23<sup>rd</sup> two-thousand nine you wrote a \$250 dollar check to Tom Horne's exploratory committee?

RL: That's correct

BG: And do you recall how you came to solicit that...

RL: Yes

BG: And, and who picked up the check? What decided that?

RL: Tom Horne and Chuck Johnson came to my house. We sat and talked and I wrote out this \$250 dollar check and gave it to Tom Horne.

BG: Ok, anything else stand out about that?

RL: Yes. Tom and Chuck looked around my house and saw what the size of it and everything was which now in retrospect I assume uh... contributed to their decision to use this house at a later time for a fundraising event.

BG: Ok um, fast forward to February 14<sup>th</sup>, two-thousand ten; there was a \$500 dollar check to the Tom Horne for attorney general campaign.

RL: Yes

BG: Uh, can you describe the events surrounding that contribution?

RL: Well at this point it was no longer an exploratory committee. There'd been an actual announcement of cam... of a campaign. So, I was asked to contribute this, I can't be sure who it was that specifically asked me about that but uh, the amount was made based on a suggestion of how much it should be.

BG: Ok, do you remember who made that suggestion and, and I know this is going back a ways, so it can be difficult.

RL: It might've been Chuck Johnson, it might've been Tom himself I can't be sure.

BG: Ok uh, with me right now or I have a photocopy of a check dated October 6<sup>th</sup>, two-thousand ten written to Business leaders for Arizona uh, are you familiar with that check?

RL: I recognize it now it is in my handwriting and it is also present on my quicken register list.

BG: Ok, how is that check, how'd, how'd that come to be written, what were the events surrounding that?

RL: I was told that somebody was going to come to my house. I wasn't even; I don't even remember the name was given to me, to collect on this. Kathleen Winn it turned out was the person who came to my house. We met in my living room, I was asked to fill out this check, she told me this was the maximum amount that could be paid at this time; and it was she who instructed me when filling out the check, to what order it was to be made payable and it's on the check it says Business Leaders of Arizona.

BG: Ok, and did she say what the basis was for the limit, was that based on your previous donations; was it based on some other factor... do, do you recall?

RL: I don't recall her specifying anything other than stating this is the maximum amount that's, that could be paid.

BG: Ok and what was your understanding as to what that money was going to be used for?

RL: It was never explained to me.

BG: Ok

RL: My understanding without even specific conversation was that this was for the campaign, even though re... looking at it today it doesn't say Tom Horne for attorney general.

BG: What was your, your understanding who Kathleen was representing. Was she representing Business Leaders of, of Arizona or was she?

RL: No, I, my understanding was as I seen her present before that all of this was for Tom Horne's campaign.

MM: Ok.

BG: Ok, so the check wasn't written out when she arrived; when she showed up you pulled out your check book and wrote the check...

RL: That's correct

BG: From scratch, signed it and put out...

RL: It was not made out in advance of her appearance.

BG: Ok, were you surprised to see her, when she came to the door; were you like, "oh I know this person"?

RL: Uh—I recognized her, I'd never been introduced to her.

BG: Ok

RL: She identified herself and that was it.

BG: Ok

RL: And I was given the impression that she was in the process of going to many places

BG: Ok

RL: To collect checks

MM: Alright

BG: Ok

RL: I think if she even said I have to be somewhere else, ya know right away, so she didn't stayed any longer than the time that it took for me to write out this check. We really didn't have much of a conversation.

BG: Ok, so her stay was brief

RL: Yes

BG: Ok, um there was a, a check you wrote for \$840 dollars in uh—two thousand twelve, according to the, the printouts that you had, for when we arrived...



RL: It was in two-thousand eleven

BG: Two-thousand eleven, I'm sorry March 14<sup>th</sup>

RL: Couldn't be two-thousand twelve that would be an act of...

BG: Yeah, that would be amazing. Um, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 you have Tom Horne twenty-fourteen contribution can you describe how that came to be.

RL: That check was written as best I can recall, while I was present at the attorney general's office, in my own office. I believe I was approached by Tom Horne himself and I was once again told this was the maximum amount that I could pay and I was... told what order it should be filled out in.

BG: Meaning the Tom Horne 2014...

RL: Tom, Tom Horne for 2014

BG: Ok, was there any indication, specifically what it was gonna be used for, mean wha-what would it surprise you to know or to find out if the money was used to pay debts from the twenty-twelve, I'm sorry the twenty-ten campaign?

RL: It wouldn't surprise me today, especially since I was later asked to... have a fundraiser event at my house, for the purpose of raising money to pay campaign debts.

BG: Ok, can you describe that for us?

RL: Yes, I was approached by Carmen Chenal; asked me if I could contribute my home for the campaign contribution. I was assured at that time that others would set it up and would clean up after the place. I gotta tell you but for very few exceptions none of that occurred. Uh, I got my house in order; of course I had to do that. I went out and purchased most of the things uh, one day Carmen assisted me, where we went to Costco and I bought some things. But I bought a lot of other things before that and the things that I bought were what you would usually expect. Uh soft drinks, bottles of wine, beer, nuts; uh, I made a big bowl of chopped liver, which Tom Horne was very fond of. Um, I got sandwiches at Costco, I don't know if you ever seen these. These kind that are little rolled up ones.

BG: Um, hmm

RL: You know I got maybe a hundred of those and filled, put em' on platters and things. I got olives and, and uh, bits of cheese and even shrimp and things like that uh...

BG: How much did you spend preparing for the party?

RL: On and off a week.

BG: Ok and about how much did you spend on all of the... uh...

MM: H'orderves

BG: Amenities

RL: Roughly, approximately four hundred dollars

BG: About four hundred?

RL: I should say one thing in terms of assistance; aside from Carmen coming to help me the afternoon before uh... a few of the fellas in the attorney general's office also came to...to my, around at my house that afternoon and brought a couple of ice checks, chest and a few bags of ice.

BG: Ok

RL: That was the extent to which I was helped

BG: Ok and uh—about how many people showed up to the house?

RL: Well, I wasn't counting but I was told there were at least one hundred people who were here.

BG: Ok

RL: I don't know if they were all here at the same moment but...

BG: But they came and went?

RL: Yes

BG: Who was the... uh, guest of honor or the speaker?

RL: The guest speaker was Robert Bennett

BG: Rob Bennett, ok um... from your perception and things you saw would it be fair to say Kathleen Winn... you saw at the campaign, either during the primary portion, during the general; was there any change in her attendance or what you observed?

RL: I didn't see her that much at the campaign office and the only time I ever really directly spoke to her was when she came to my house.

BG: Ok

RL: Other than that, no there wasn't much of anything

BG: Ok, do you have anything else?

MM: No

BG: Anything uh...that we didn't ask you, that we should of that I, did we miss anything?

RL: There's only one other thing, the reason why I have reason to believe that the uh--\$840 dollar check that I gave to Tom Horne was filled out at the attorney general's office was; that my register indicates that on the same day, although the transaction did not occur at the attorney general's office. I wrote a check and gave it to Jim Waring, privately outside the office building. Uh, for his campaign for uh, city council...

BG: Phoenix city council

RL: And Jim was very careful not to do anything on the property itself, which was a lot different from what happened with Tom.

BG: Ok, meaning that uh, Tom Horne soliciting an employee for campaign contribution at work...

RL: That's correct

BG: In the attorney general's office, ok.

RL: And also other people soliciting me to do, to do a fundraiser etc... present at the office at the same time was Carmen Chenal.

BG: Ok she had ask you at, at the office as well?

RL: Yes

BG: Ok

RL: During working hours

BG: Ok, that's all I have; Merv, you good?

MM: Mmm, hmm.

BG: Ok, it is eleven twenty five and we are going off tape.

End of interview

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Transcription  
Ron Lebowitz voice mail

Participants:

BG Brian Grehoski, Federal Bureau of Investigation

RL Ron Lebowitz

Reviewed by Mark Stribling *MS*

Abbreviations:

[AV] Automated Voice

This transcription is a voice mail that was left by Mr. Lebowitz, after he was interviewed by Agents Mason and Grehoski.

RL: Lebowitz... Brian, this is Ron Lebowitz. After you guys left, I took a look on my e-mails going back a ways and I found an e-mail dated March, 19<sup>th</sup>. Carmen Chenal had said I made a... the eight hundred and forty dollar contribution to Tom Horne; so I was incorrect about how or where that was made. Apparently, that's something that I filled out as a result of statements about the fundraiser that was to be held at my house. So, it was not filled out on office time or given directly to Tom Horne. Tell you what I'm gonna' do. I... I so that part of my statement needs to be definitely corrected, 'cause it was an error. I'm going to send to you by e-mail a copy. I'm gonna' forward a copy of this e-mail that I sent to Carmen and I apologize for having said what I did but I want you certainly to be... report correctly. So maybe uh... you could copy this telephone conversation and add it to whatever I stated before. Ok, bye.

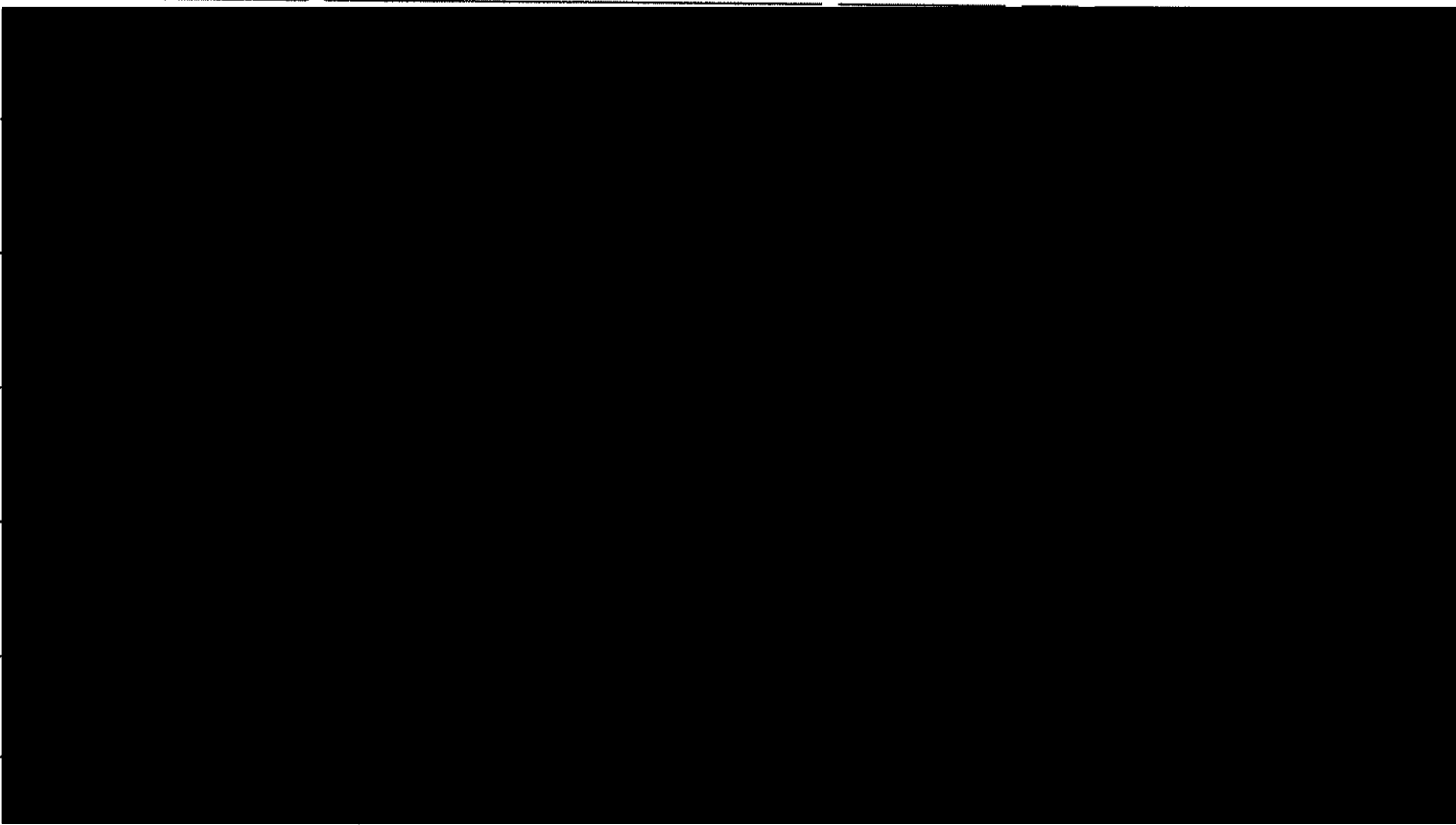

AV: To respon--[phone button is being pressed] deleted. No more messages

BG: Ok, that was a message from Ron Lebowitz uh—it is now twelve—fifteen. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

End of transcription

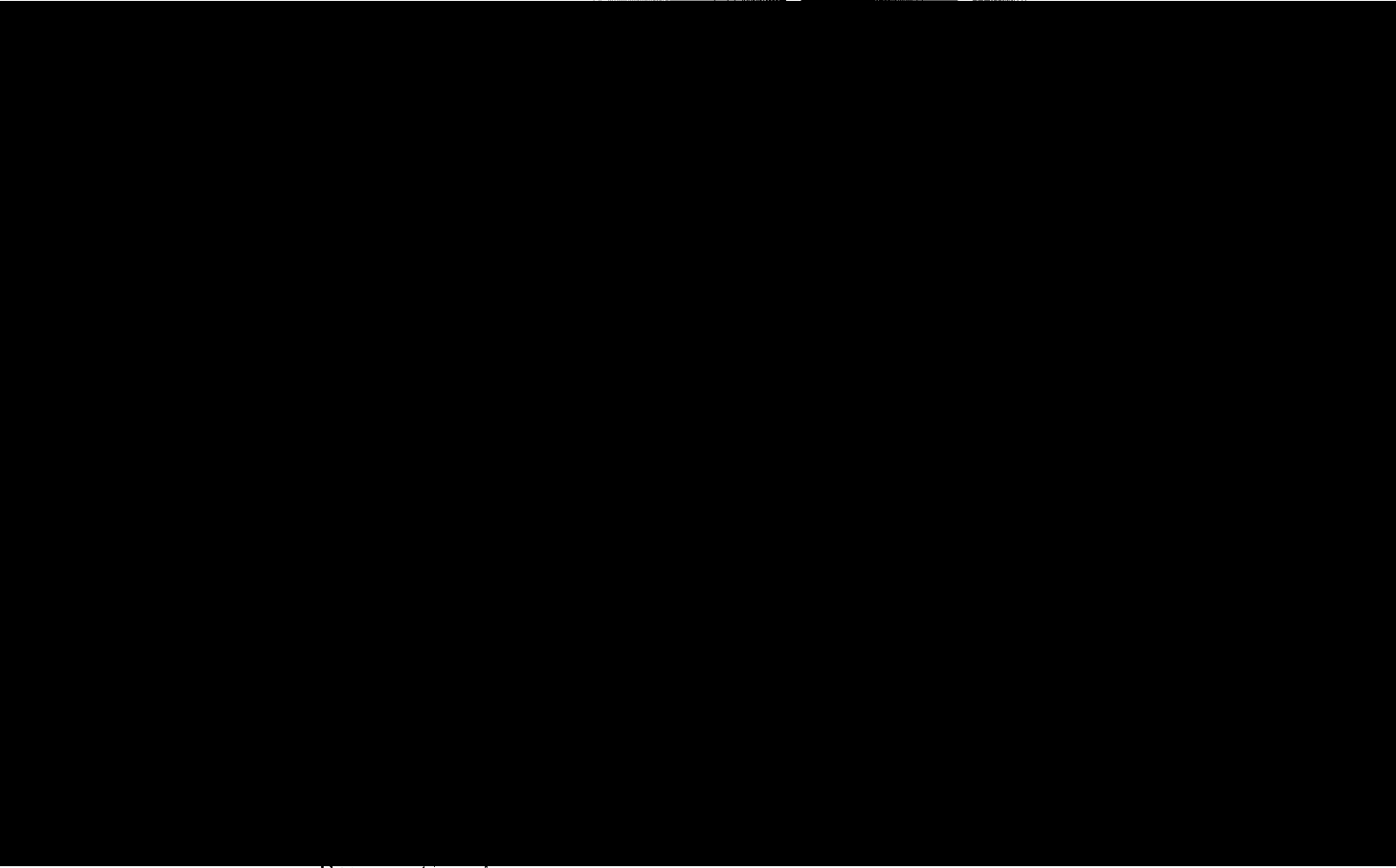
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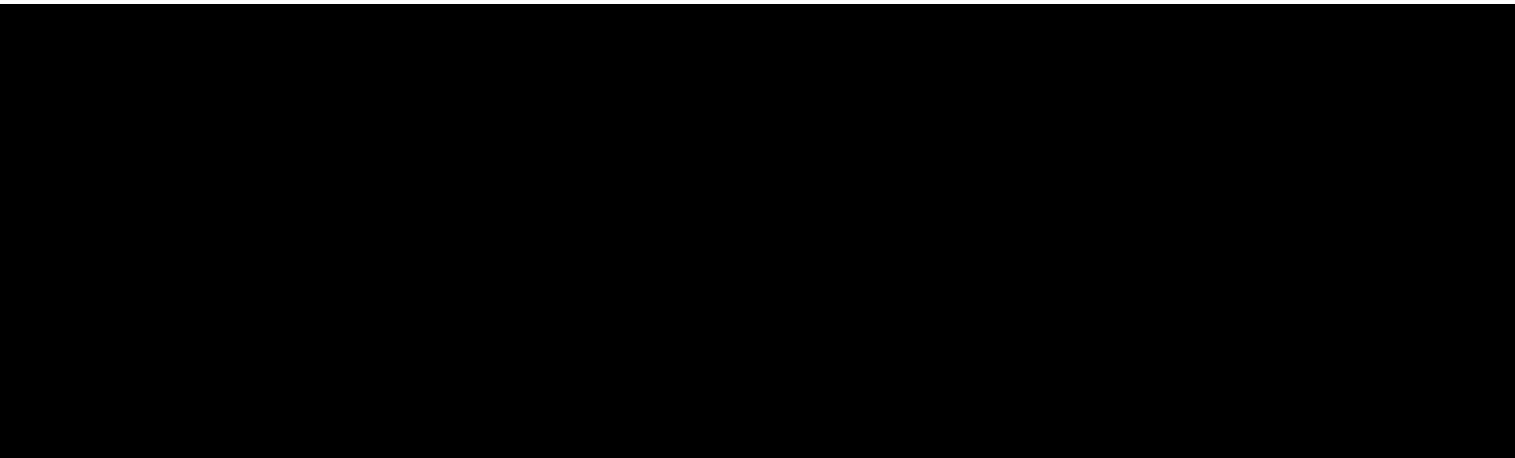
12/1/98 through 12/31/09

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	R	Deposit	Balance
						
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# Register Listing

2/18/10 through 2/22/10

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	R	Deposit	Balance
						
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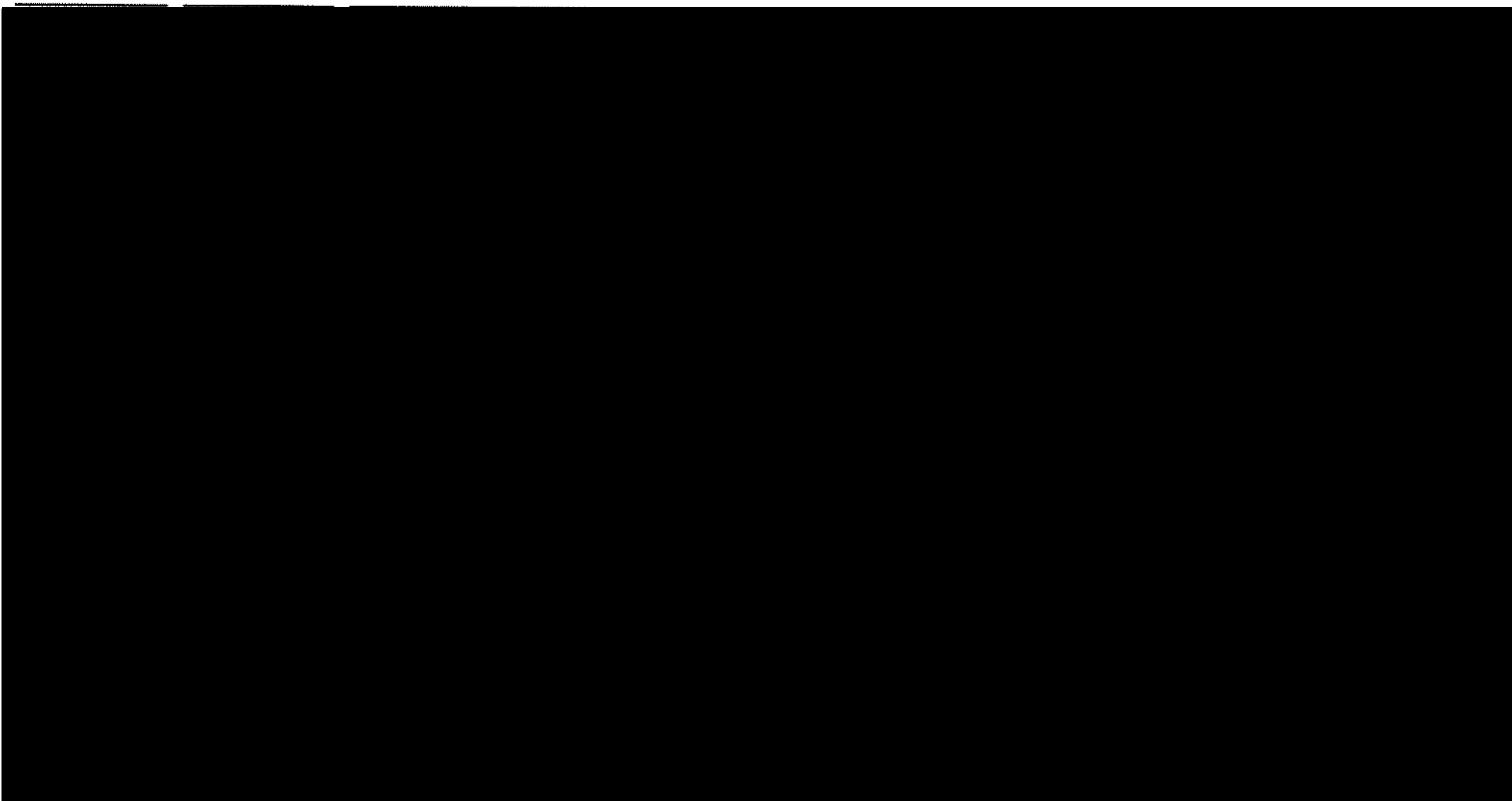
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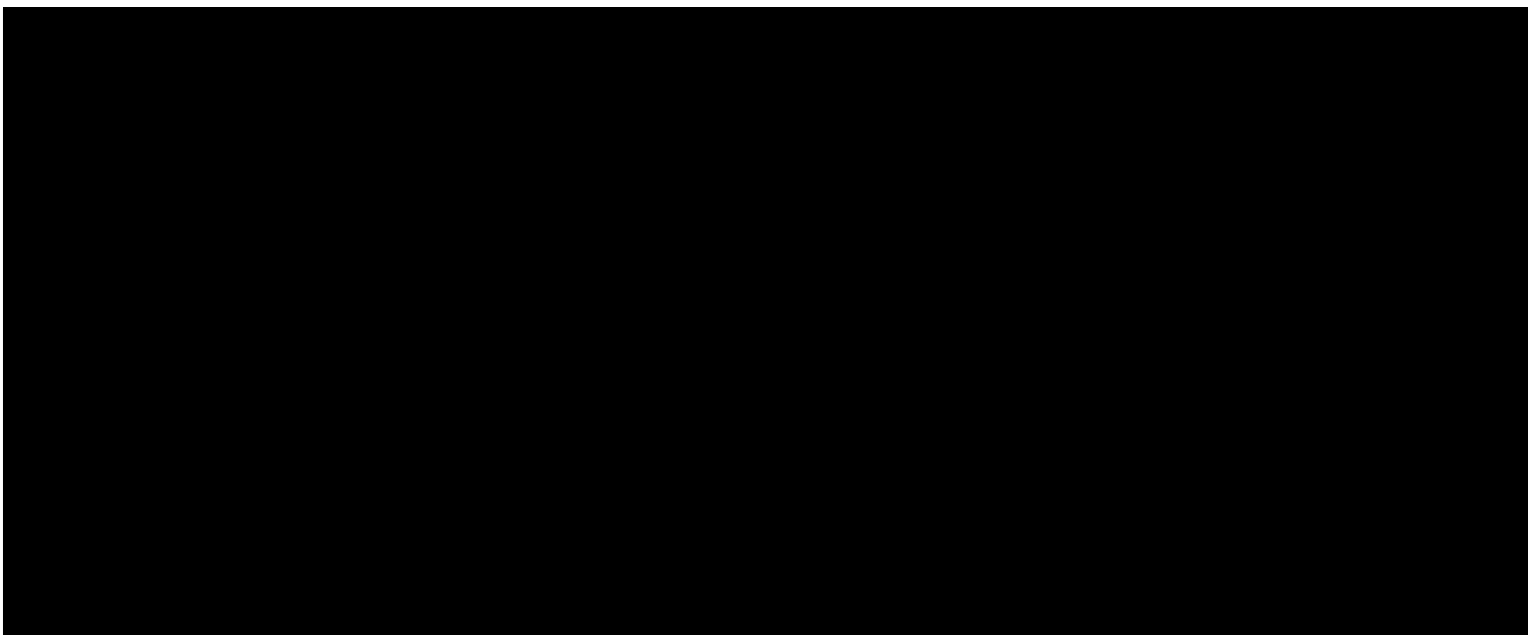
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3/14/11 through 3/21/11

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	R	Deposit	Balance
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3/14/11	14439	Tom Horne 2014 Contribution	840.00			3,938.06
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Grehoski, Brian

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From: Ronald Lebowitz [rlebowitz@cox.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 12:50 PM  
To: Grehoski, Brian  
Subject: Fwd: Invitation

Dear Brian:

I apologize for an error I made through speculation. Therefore, a correction is required.

I should have consulted my list of old e-mail messages before I discussed the "\$840 Tom Horne for 2014" check with you. While it is still probably true that I wrote out that check while I was working in my own office at the Attorney General's Office, it is inaccurate that I presented that check directly to Tom Horne or that he spoke to me about it at the office.

I should never have speculated about how that check was made (or solicited) and how it was submitted to Tom Horne. I had (not that I can remember the details precisely) received a

copy of an announcement of a fund raiser stating what the maximum contribution should be, and it is now clear that I mailed the check to Tom Horne, even if I did write it out at the office.

It is also clear that the fund raiser that I addressed in the attached e-mail message to Carmen Chenal was not the one held at my house. This was the one at Amy's Rizzonico's (probably misspelled) house where the guest of honor was Stephen Segal. I know that because my message also refers to the forthcoming arrival (on a visit to Phoenix) of my daughter and son-in-law who have been living in London since August, 2009. I know that it was after they had visited (after staying with me for about a week) when I held the fund raiser at my house.

Incidentally, none of the people listed as Host Committee members for that other fund raiser

that I did not attend came to my find raiser - probably because Carmen informed Tom about my reservations of having such people at my own house. By the way, I can't remember any host committee regarding the find raiser held at my house. If there was one, it was not unlike something that John F. Kennedy once stated, i.e., "A committee is nine people doing the work of one." In this instance, I was the one.

Again, I apologize for the error I made and hope that my statement will be corrected.

Ron Lebowitz

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ronald Lebowitz <[rlebowitz@cox.net](mailto:rlebowitz@cox.net)>  
**Date:** March 19, 2011 11:13:01 AM MST  
**To:** [Carmen.Chenal9@gmail.com](mailto:Carmen.Chenal9@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Invitation

Dear Carmen:

I've already mailed the \$840 contribution to Tom. As for the Host Committee members

listed, I wouldn't be caught dead in the same room as some of them -- even at my own funeral -- including Dennis Wilenchik, Leo Beus, Grant Woods (originally listed but not present there now), Steve Twist, Stan Barnes, et al. Besides Lizzie & Flo will be arriving in Phoenix on March 28th, which takes precedence over everything else.

Ron

RONALD A. LEBOWITZ

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Oct 26, 2010

Pay to the order of BUSINESS LEADERS OF ARIZONA \$840.00

EIGHT HUNDRED AND NO/100

CHASE

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85073  
www.Chase.com

Signature: Ronald A. Lebowitz

Account only  
6571531006

Posted : 10/26/2010  
Bank : 0068  
R/T : 122100024  
Account : XXXXXXXXXX  
Check : 0  
Amount : 840.00  
DIN : 68250933

Ronald A Lebowitz

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